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CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1-67. (canceled)

- 68. (currently amended): A granule <u>dried</u> composition <u>that is stable for weeks on storage</u> at room temperature consisting essentially of granules comprising extruded microorganisms which are fungi or bacteria, wherein said fungi or bacteria are dead and non-disrupted and wherein the granules in the composition are porous <u>have a porosity generated by drying of said granules</u> and have a diameter between 0.1 millimeters to 12 millimeters.
- 69. (previously presented): The granule composition of claim 68, wherein the microorganisms are fungi.
- 70. (previously presented): The granule composition of claim 68, wherein the fungi belong to the order *Mucorales*.
- 71. (previously presented): The granule composition of claim 69, wherein the fungi belong to the genus *Mortierella*.
- 72. (previously presented): The granule composition of claim 71, wherein the fungi are *Mortierella alpina*.
- 73. (previously presented): The granule composition of claim 69, wherein the fungi belong to the genus *Phycomyces*, *Blakeslea* or *Aspergillus*.
- 74. (previously presented): The granule composition of claim 69, wherein the fungi are yeast.
- 75. (previously presented): The granule composition of claim 68, wherein the microorganisms are bacteria.

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76. (previously presented): The granule composition of claim 68, wherein the granules comprise a polyunsaturated fatty acid.

- 77. (previously presented): The granule composition of claim 76, wherein the polyunsaturated fatty acid is contained in a lipid.
- 78. (previously presented): The granule composition of claim 76, wherein the polyunsaturated fatty acid is a C18, C20 or C22 ω -3-polyunsaturated fatty acid or a C18, C20 or C22 ω -6-polyunsaturated fatty acid.
- 79. (previously presented): The granule composition of claim 78, wherein the polyunsaturated fatty acid is a C20 or C22 ω -3-polyunsaturated fatty acid or a C20 or C22 ω -6-polyunsaturated fatty acid.
- 80. (previously presented): The granule composition of claim 68, wherein the granules comprise arachidonic acid, eicosapentaenoic acid, docosahexaenoic acid, or a combination of the foregoing.
- 81. (previously presented): The granule composition of claim 68, wherein the granules comprise tetra-acetyl-phyto-sphingosine.
- 82. (previously presented): The granule composition of claim 68, wherein the granules comprise a vitamin.
- 83. (previously presented): The granule composition of claim 68, wherein the granules have a dry matter content of 80% or more.
- 84. (previously presented): The granule composition of claim 68, wherein the granules have a dry matter content of 30% to 70%.

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85. (previously presented): The granule composition of claim 68, wherein the granules are obtained by extruding a biomass having a dry matter content of 25% to 80%.

- 86. (previously presented): The granule composition of claim 68, wherein the granules are obtained by mechanical extrusion.
- 87. (previously presented): The granule composition of claim 68, wherein the diameter of the granules is 0.3 millimeters to 10 millimeters.
- 88. (previously presented): The granule composition of claim 68, wherein the diameter of the granules is 1.5 millimeters to 6 millimeters.
- 89. (previously presented): The granule composition of claim 68, wherein the diameter of the granules is 2 millimeters to 3 millimeters.
- 90. (previously presented): The granule composition of claim 68, wherein the length of the granules is on average 2 to 6 times the diameter.
- 91. (previously presented): The granule composition of claim 68, wherein the porosity of the granules is 15% to 50%.
- 92. (previously presented): The granule composition of claim 68, wherein the porosity of the granules is 20% to 40%.
- 93. (previously presented): The granule composition of claim 68, wherein the porosity of the granules is 25% to 35%.
- 94. (previously presented): The granule composition of claim 68, wherein the porosity of the granules allows solvent access.
- 95. (previously presented): The granule composition of claim 68, wherein the granules are free flowing.

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